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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, Applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Michels (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,144). These rejections are respectfully traversed in light of the following remarks.

The most obvious difference between Michels and the present claims is that Michels does not disclose a pointer table containing network address entries that points to